

Exhibit 1 – Correspondence from Lake County Board to FBI and others



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May 25, 1990

Mr. William S. Sessions  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington D.C. 20535

RE: FBI Firing Range, North Chicago, Illinois

Dear Director Sessions:

On behalf of the Lake County Board and the 520,000 residents of Lake County, I am writing to urge the vacation of the North Chicago Lake Michigan shoreline site your Bureau is currently using as a firing range.

While we appreciate the legitimate need of the FBI and other law enforcement agencies to have a place to fire weapons, the enclosed supplement to this letter details four major reasons why we oppose the continued use of this particular site for such purposes.

Essentially, we strongly believe the continued use of the North Chicago waterfront site:

1. imperils public safety;
2. is an incompatible land use;
3. lowers land values in the vicinity; and
4. acts as a deterrent to redevelopment of the immediate environs.

We look forward to your favorable consideration and action on this issue.

Sincerely,

(P)

LAKE COUNTY BOARD

cc: Illinois Congressional Delegation  
Lake County Board  
(P) [Redacted], Mayor, North Chicago  
Sheriff, Lake County

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**REQUEST FOR VACATION OF FBI FIRING RANGE  
NORTH CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

**Four Major Reasons for Vacation**

The following list of reasons for vacating the FBI Firing Range in North Chicago are a supplement to the letter signed by Mr. (P) [REDACTED] Chairman of the Lake County Board.

**1) Imperiling Public Safety**

**a. The Risk to Foss Park users above the bluffline**

Firing live ammunition next to a park and playground endangers lives. The risk of children or adults being killed or wounded if the "impossible" happens (such as someone stumbling while firing an automatic weapon) is unacceptable to the residents of the Foss Park area.

The FBI Firing range is bordered on the south by Foss Park. The children's playground, baseball diamonds, parking lots, picnic shelters and other facilities are immediately adjacent. They are used intensively by the general public.

**b. Risk to Foss Park users below the bluffline.**

The Foss Park Beach extends for 1,600 feet from the south end of your firing range to the north end of the North Chicago Water Filtration plant. Walking this public beach when live ammunition is being fired nearby is a disconcerting experience.

See attached map and aerial photos of your firing range and its border with Foss Park, Foss Park Beach, Lake Michigan, Abbott-on-the-Lake and proposed redevelopment area.

**c. Risk to boating public.**

When your agents and other law enforcement officers discharge firearms aimed in the direction of Lake Michigan, there is a clear risk to boaters. The huge signs facing the lake on your site, warning boaters away from the shoreline, are clearly there for a reason. With two new marinas just built on the Far North Shore, and others on the drawing boards, the presence of your firing range becomes hazardous to more and more boating families. The situation is clearly an accident waiting to happen.

The number of boats on lower Lake Michigan has doubled every decade since the end of W.W.II. In 1987 there were 388,000 person boating days of Lake County's 25 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline. Since then, the North Point Marina, the largest inland Marina in the U.S., has opened with 1,500 wet ships and 10 launch lanes. It will serve 5,000 boating families a year (counting trailered boat owners). In the 1990s and beyond, the number of person boating days off of our shoreline may approach one million a year. As proposed marina developments in North Chicago and Waukegan are implemented,

generating further increases in boating activity near your firing range there will be an increased risk of accident. Each additional boat operating off of our shoreline increases the inherent conflict between the needs of recreational boaters and your needs for a firing range.

2) Land Use Incompatibility

a. South

Because of the aforementioned dangers to public safety, your firing range is incompatible with both current and future public using the Foss Park property to the immediate south.

b. East

Similarly, your firing range is hazardous to the increasing number of boaters on Lake Michigan to the east.

c. West

Property to the west of your firing range, between Foss Park Boulevard and Sheridan Road, is proposed for renewal and redevelopment. This includes both the Stone Container property and the area along Sheridan Road south of Abbott Laboratories.

As access from North Shore and Far North Shore Communities and from Routes 41, 43 and I-94 to the west are improved through the \$19 million of Lakefront Parkway now under construction, neighboring properties may be expected to upgrade and be more intensively used. Your continued presence along the lakefront is contrary to our wishes for public and private redevelopment.

d. North

1) MCL Property.

350 dockominiums (boat docks with condominiums) designed by Harry Weese are proposed on the 67 acres of old U.S. Steel and Wire property which stretches north for over a mile along the Lake Michigan shoreline. The prospect of leaving their docks and sailing south a few hundred yards only to come within possible range of weapons fire, is not likely to be a pleasing one to the 350 boating families who may soon inhabit the site. Nor can the sound of periodic gunfire so close to their homes be a pleasant prospect.

2) Abbott Laboratories

4,000 people now work at the Abbott facility to the northwest of your firing range. This includes people engaged in high tech manufacturing as well as researchers in fields such as analytical chemistry, molecular biology and biotechnology. They will be augmented by others as the 68 acres purchased by Abbott immediately northwest of your site, just across the EJ&E

tracks and Foss Park Boulevard, is developed for new facilities. These may include joint venture projects with international health care firms. As the surroundings become ever more densely developed with new facilities for health care researchers and technicians, the incompatibility of your firing range with its neighbors increases.

3) Lowering of Land values

a) MCL Site

MCL Development Co. purchased the 67 acres of the U.S. Steel and Wire site in 1989 for \$6.5 million (\$100,000 an acre). Breakwater and marina construction and on shore development will add significantly to that value. Property values are not enhanced by the presence of your firing range.

b) Proposed Foss Park Marina

On December 17, 1985, the stance of representatives from your office effectively blocked the implementation of a \$500,000 planning grant from the State of Illinois to prepare plans to build a marina east of Foss Park, south of your firing range. That action, as viewed by many throughout this County, thwarted a grass roots effort by the citizens of North Chicago and their elected representatives to take their economic destiny in their own hands. Except for the FBI's blocking action, that marina might well be in place and operational now.

The consequences of this have had a negative economic impact on the City of North Chicago in the form of \$16-26 million in capital improvements which were never built, plus an annual negative economic impact whose range may be estimated between \$6 million and \$17 million, due to the loss of that facility to the community. (Source: Economic Impact of the Zion - Winthrop Harbor Marina, Lake County IL Economic Development Commission 1985, P.1).

Any positive economic impact which your firing range contributes to North Chicago is negated by a factor which may be calculated in the thousands, as a result of what most local government and private citizens see as the inhibition or outright thwarting of public and private facilities construction.

4) A deterrent to the economic future of the City of North Chicago and neighboring communities of Lake County's Far North Shore.

The continued presence of your firing range on the North Chicago's lakefront shoreline acts as a brake on efforts to redevelop the immediate environs. This inhibitory effect is one that the City of North Chicago cannot afford: it's per capita income is too low, its job losses too high, and its tax base too insufficient.

a) Low per capita income

Per capita income in North Chicago in 1985 was \$8,488, the lowest of any community in the Lake County (Source: U.S. Census Bureau). North Chicago ranks 259th economically out of 262 municipalities in the Six County Chicago area (Source: 1980 Census).

b) Heavy job losses

North Chicago lost nearly 3,000 jobs when the U.S. Steel and Wire mill closed in 1979. In a community of 38,774 people the loss of nearly 3,000 jobs in one plant alone has a powerful impact. But that was not the only loss. Chicago Hardware Foundry, Goodyear Hose Division, U.S. Steel Chain Link Division, Ocean Spray cranberry packing plant, all in North Chicago - all are gone. But that is not all. Layoffs at Johns-Manville, Outboard Marine and other heavy industries in Waukegan and environs have led to the loss, directly or indirectly, of 20,000 jobs in recent years. Those job losses have hit hardest those who can least afford it: Blacks and other minorities. 10,495 of North Chicago's 38,774 residents (one out of four) are Black (Source: 1980 census).

c) Tax Poor: Three-fourths of North Chicago's 4,320 acres are virtually non-taxable.

Because seventy-five percent (75%) of North Chicago's land is either public and non-taxable, quasi-public and generally not taxable, or vacant produces only marginal revenues, North Chicago is tax poor. The Great Lakes Naval Training Center, the V.A. Hospital, the University of Health Sciences/Chicago Medical School, the Navy golf course, the Foss Park golf course and the Greenbelt Forest Preserve occupy a significant amount of the City's land. However, these institutions also either create jobs, contribute to the economic (and in some cases physical) health of the community, or provide beauty, recreational amenity and open space.

Your facility, on the other hand, makes none of these positive contributions. It's impact is entirely negative. It pays no taxes. And it actively inhibits the growth of public and private facilities which can provide either an increase in the tax base, or add to public amenity and health, or both.

Apart from the generic benefit of law enforcement officers who may become more proficient in the use of firearms, there are virtually no positives to your presence here. And even that generic benefit is of far greater value to communities outside of North Chicago, or even Lake County for that matter. The Lake County sheriff's office, after all, has its own firing range in an unpopulated area where it doesn't bother anybody. Lake Countians, and especially the citizens of North Chicago are then, left with a broad range of negative impacts as a consequence of the continued presence of your firing range in our midst, and with little that is positive to show for it.

Summary

The FBI firing range is an obstacle to the growth of the economic life of the City of North Chicago and to the development of a new economic base to fill the vacuum caused by the decline of heavy industry on Lake County's northeast shoreline. By impeding private investment, your firing range further constricts an already diminished tax base. That in turn, negatively impacts the already underfunded public schools and the delivery of a broad range of services to the residents of North Chicago. This is in a low income community with a significant minority population who can ill-afford impediments to their efforts to better their own economic, educational and social life.

As neighboring land uses change from heavy industry to research and high tech manufacturing, as lakefront factories are demolished and new marinas, public and private, are planned for the shoreline, as land values increase in the vicinity, and new, more valuable uses are proposed, neither the City of North Chicago nor Lake County wish to be thwarted in their efforts to improve the lakefront and its environs by the continued presence of the firing range.

Finally, Lake County is concerned for the safety of its citizens and visitors. Waukegan and North Chicago are the largest cities in Lake County. The northeast lakeshore is the most densely populated part of the County. More and more boating families ply the shoreline, and their numbers continue to increase. The firing of lethal weapons next to public parks, into recreational waters, and adjacent to land which is in desperate need of upgrading, is no longer rational, logical or tolerable.





County of Lake  
County Board Office

Room A-1002  
County Building  
Waukegan, Illinois 60085-4351

(P)

May 9, 1990

The Honorable (P)  
United States Representative

(P)

Re: FBI Firing Range of Foss Park - City of North Chicago

Dear Representative (P)

After the surrendering of the Naval Firing Range at Foss Park by the United States Navy to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, requests to remove the firing range next to a park by the City of North Chicago Officials to the F.B.I. were turned down. It is quite apparent that this facility is in the wrong place in the middle of a city and its presence is at best obnoxious from a standpoint of noise pollution - a danger to citizens using the park and to boaters using Lake Michigan.

There is, however, a solution to the dilemma with regards to the F.B.I.'s need for a training facility and that is the eighty acre facility on Russell Road in Lake County, which could accommodate the needs of the F.B.I. This facility which was recently constructed, is owned by the County of Lake for the purpose of training police officers.

This is, in my mind, an equitable solution to the problem of meeting the needs of the F.B.I. and the Citizens of North Chicago and would be beneficial to both parties concerned.

The present firing range at Foss Park is in my County Board District "2" and I find it necessary to intervene on behalf of my constituency which can utilize all the cooperation from other governmental entities it can possibly receive.

I have enclosed a Resolution regarding the county-owned firing range passed May 8, 1990 to further support my request.

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Thank you for giving consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

(P)

District 2 Representative  
Lake County Board

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enclosure

cc: (P)

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Honorable (P)

Dear Senator

Reference is made to your letter dated June 28, 1990, expressing concern over the continued use of the FBI's training facility and firing range in North Chicago, Illinois. In addressing your concerns, I would offer the following observations and background information.

During mid-1986, the FBI commissioned an independent appraiser to prepare a "Real Estate and Related Studies" analysis for our North Chicago range facility. This study included an analysis of the current facility, and probable costs involved in relocating the facility. The following information has been extracted from that study.

The property in question has been used as a practice range for various weapons since 1918. During this time, expended and live ammunition of various kinds and sizes has been mixed into the soil mantel. While the exact extent of the contamination with such hazardous wastes is unknown, a prior study indicated very high levels of lead and copper. A current analysis of the level of the contamination could cost in excess of \$25,000 and subsequent costs of decontamination, based on the level of contamination found, could range from \$670,000 to \$2,000,000. This process would involve stripping off one foot of the soil mantel and transporting the lead waste and possible live rounds to an acceptable dumping facility.

In addition to the decontamination process it would also be necessary to demilitarize the site. Demilitarization would involve the sifting and screening of the soil to a depth of

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three feet for the purpose of removing unfired ordinance. The 1986 estimated cost for demilitarizing the site is \$554,000. Additionally, it should be noted that the firing range also includes 2,975 acres in Lake Michigan that serve as an impact area. This same area was used during World War II for firing three-inch naval guns at targets in Lake Michigan. Because of this historical use there is a possibility of unexploded ordinance on the lake bottom, and while estimates for locating and removing such ordinance are not available, it is a logical assumption that the Navy would want to make sure that this area was demilitarized before it was turned over to the development. One final point regarding demilitarization and decontamination must be made. These processes would have to be completed before the land is sold in order to protect the Government from possible later injury claims resulting from the contamination and/or militarization of the property. In addition, the 2,975-acre area of Lake Michigan used as an impact zone for the firing range is clearly marked on Lake Michigan navigational charts as being an area restricted to boaters.

In its contaminated state the land is not considered to hold any value; however, if the steps noted above were taken, it is estimated that the land would be valued, from 1987 estimates, at \$440,000; the main range building at \$194,145; and the other structures and land improvements at \$168,686. The total value of the land, structures and improvements would easily exceed \$1,000,000 today.

The "Real Estate Appraisal and Related Studies" analysis conducted for the FBI also included an evaluation of the potential costs involved in relocating the firearms range. It was first determined, based on an analysis of FBI requirements, that minimum area required for a firing range facility is approximately 2,990 acres (approximately the same size as the current facility). Based on this requirement a search was instituted for suitable replacement land along Lake Michigan from the site of the current range north to the Wisconsin/Illinois state line. No vacant land was found that had sufficient depth for rifle firing and sufficient width for pistol, shotgun, and other special weapons. None of the vacant land seen was in areas where a firing range would be compatible with existing uses. Additionally, numerous other sites were inspected to include properties in Lake County, Vernon Hills, and Joliet, Illinois; however, these properties were determined to be totally unsuitable for our purposes.

In addition to the above, the possibility of assembling

Honorable (P) [REDACTED]

adjacent farmland properties that are located away from urban influence was addressed. Since current values of farmland in Northern Illinois exceed \$5,000 per acre, the total purchase price for the necessary acreage (2,990) would top \$14,950,000. This amount would then be increased to include other acquisition costs such as administrative costs for negotiations, appraisals, title insurance, relocation costs for persons, businesses, utilities, and roads compensable under the law, and adverse condemnation awards. Finally, there would be the cost of processing an "Environmental Impact Statement" which is not only costly, but requires several years to complete providing there are no delays in the passage of a law authorizing and funding the project.

Apart from the cost of the land and associated costs noted above, it is estimated that land improvements (fencing, grading, etc.) would cost approximately \$173,466 and new buildings \$219,626 (1987 estimate).

As is evident from the above, any relocation of the FBI's existing firearms range would likely take several years and be extremely expensive. Additionally, it must be taken into consideration that the property, in its current condition, serves a highly important and useful function for Federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. The range is used to provide basic and advanced weapons training to FBI personnel and for the training by the FBI of other Federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. It is the primary training site for our emergency response teams which are trained to respond to terrorist incidents, hostage situations, kidnappings, snipers, barricade situations, hijackings, and other situations requiring the use of sophisticated weapons or techniques. This type of training can only be conducted at an outdoor facility.

The range is also used by numerous other law enforcement agencies including the Lake County Police Department, Schaumburg Police Department, Des Plaines Police Department, Evanston Police Department, Lake Bluff Police Department, and the Chicago Police Department to name a few. This training by the FBI of local enforcement agencies fosters mutual respect and cooperation, enhances the capabilities of the local agencies, and permits rapid joint responses to dangerous situations. Our Chicago Office is a leader in the development of local training, and facilities at the current firearms range are essential to those programs as there are no comparable facilities in the area

Honorable (P) [REDACTED]

at the present time. The FBI firing range has an enviable safety record, and safety is our paramount concern at the range. The range is used seldom, if ever, after dusk, and we have found the noise generated by our training at the range to be minimal when set against the industrial and railroad noise in the immediate area.

I hope that the above information helps you to understand the many problems that are inherent in relocating our present range, and the strong reasons that exist for keeping the facility at its present location. I also extend an invitation to you to tour our range facility in Chicago to observe firsthand how the facility is utilized. Please contact Special Agent in Charge Delbert N. Dilbeck in Chicago at (312) 431-1333 if you would be interested in such a tour.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Sessions  
Director



# Village of Arlington Heights

MUNICIPAL BUILDING • 33 S. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD 60005

Area (P)

August 13, 1990

Lieutenant (P)  
Arlington Heights Police  
33 S. Arlington Hts. Rd.  
Arlington Heights, Il. 60005

Honorable (P)  
Member of Congress

(P)

Sir:

I have been made aware that officials from Lake County and North Chicago, Illinois are undertaking efforts to relocate the Federal Bureau of Investigation Regional Training Center from its present location in North Chicago to another site in extreme northern Lake County. A site that abuts the Wisconsin border.

As you may know, the Regional Training Center is operated and managed by the Chicago office of the F.B.I. However, local law enforcement receives the greater benefits from this facility. Its present location allows for officers to receive on-going training in firearms and tactics. To force these officers to travel further for training may not be possible with the restrictive training budgets municipalities live with. Additionally, the Northern Illinois Chapter of F.B.I. National Academy graduates meets and trains at the facility each month. This association is comprised of local, county, and state command level law enforcement officers.

To force such a move would adversely effect police training for all law enforcement in metropolitan Chicago. I ask that you oppose any such efforts, and allow the training center to remain in its present location. Thank you for your understanding and help in this matter.

(P)

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Chief of Police

Village of Roselle



(P)

Mayor

## DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

August 13, 1990

The Honorable (P)  
Member of Congress

(P)

Dear Congressman:

It has come to my attention that there are plans to change the location of the FBI firing range at Great Lakes. It is my opinion that this would be a disservice both to law enforcement and to the tax payers.

This facility is in place and functioning with not only adequate firing ranges for high-powered rifles and pistols, but also a classroom on site. To duplicate this facility would be quite expensive and unnecessary. With the present attitude of most constituents being "not in my back yard," an attempt to move the range would only result in public hearings and further unnecessary controversy. At its present location, adjacent to the Naval facility and municipal water treatment plant, no citizens are disturbed by the training that is ongoing.

As a local law enforcement officer, a substantial portion of my Department has been trained at that range. I would encourage you to take whatever action is necessary to maintain this facility at its present location. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

(P)

Police Operations

(P)

103 South Prospect Street  
Roselle, Illinois 60172

Administrative (P)  
Emergency

FBI002215



Memorandum



To : SAC, CHICAGO

Date 7/11/90

From : SA (P) [REDACTED]

Subject: FBI RANGE & TRAINING CENTER  
RANGE SAFETY

On 7/10/90, (P) [REDACTED] Director, Lake County Safety Commission, Lake County, Illinois, telephone (P) [REDACTED] was contacted telephonically by writer.

Writer explained that (P) [REDACTED] Senior Range Officer, Lake County Sheriffs Office, telephone (P) [REDACTED] called and explained that a letter from the FBI regarding a lack of safety at the Lake County Range caused much consternation to Mr. (P) [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] was then advised that the Lake County range did not meet the FBI standards for safety for its use by the FBI.

Writer was emphatic that the FBI made no comment as to the safety for its use by Lake County.

At this time, Mr. (P) [REDACTED] requested he be furnished with a listing of safety standards required by the FBI so he might consider applying them to the Lake County Range.

Writer advised he would recontact Mr. (P) [REDACTED] regarding his request.

At this time, (P) [REDACTED] explained that the Lake County Range is subject to a conditional use permit based on NRA standards patterned after a range built by the U.S. Marine Corps. He further advised that he, too, was concerned about the range because of future development of the area.

(P) [REDACTED]

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JUL 11 1990

Mr. (P)  
County of Lake  
County Board Office  
Room A-1002  
County Building  
Waukegan, Illinois 60085-4351

Dear Mr. (P)

I received your letter, dated May 25, 1990, in which you requested that the FBI discontinue firearms training at the North Chicago Lake Michigan shoreline site.

I fully appreciate your concern for the issues you raise regarding the location of the range. I am sure you can also appreciate my concern that FBI Agents receive adequate firearms training in order to carry out their duties with a minimum of risk to themselves and the communities they serve. The availability of suitable range facilities is a major problem throughout the country. The volume of necessary law enforcement training places a heavy premium on the available training sites.

I can assure you that the FBI places the highest value on safety in the selection of firearms training sites. To my knowledge, there has never been an incident to support the safety concerns that you raised. As to the remaining issues, I do not have sufficient information to assess their weight. Accordingly, I am instructing representatives from the FBI's Firearms Training Unit at the FBI Academy to conduct an on-site assessment of the North Chicago ranges and report their findings to me regarding the issues of safety, other factors that may negatively impact on the surrounding community, and the availability of alternate training sites. When information is available to me, I will respond fully to you.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Sessions  
Director

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Mr. (P) [REDACTED]

NOTE: This letter is in response to a letter from the Chairman, Lake County, Illinois, Board, complaining about the Chicago Division's use of firearms ranges located on the Great Lakes Naval Base. The writer urges the FBI to discontinue firearms training for reasons of alleged public safety, alleged incompatible land use, alleged lowering of land values in the vicinity, and the alleged impact of same on redevelopment of the area. The Director's response is to direct the Firearms Training Unit to conduct an on-site assessment of the ranges, the allegations, and available alternatives, after which a fuller response will be made.

This response has been coordinated with Chicago Division.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Associate Deputy Director  
Investigations

Date 6/4

\_\_\_ Director, #7176  
\_\_\_ Mr. Clarke, #7142  
\_\_\_ Mr. Greenleaf, #7110  
\_\_\_ Mr. Revell, #7116  
\_\_\_ Mr. Burke, DEAHQ  
\_\_\_ Mr. Baker, #5012  
\_\_\_ Mr. Bayse, #7159  
\_\_\_ Mr. Christensen, #5829  
\_\_\_ Mr. Daniels, Quantico  
\_\_\_ Mr. Davis, #7427  
\_\_\_ Mr. Gow, #4026  
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\_\_\_ Mr. Kennedy, #6012  
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\_\_\_ Mr. Davenport, #7222  
\_\_\_ Mr. Hale, #7443  
\_\_\_ Mr. Collingwood, #7240

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\_\_\_ Mr. (P)  
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\_\_\_ Miss (P)  
\_\_\_ Ms.  
\_\_\_ Mrs.

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\_\_\_ Please see me  
\_\_\_ Per your request

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\_\_\_ Mail Room, #1B327  
\_\_\_ Reading Room, #6248  
\_\_\_ Teletype Room, #6247

\_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: Consult with Chicago &  
Prepare proposed response.  
Our range is entered enclosed  
within the Great Lakes Naval  
Reservation. O/S

Oliver B. Revell  
Room 7116, T.L. 235  
Ext. 3333

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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RE:

Attached letter is from  
the Chairman of the Lake County  
Board, Lake County Illinois &  
requests the FBI to vacate our  
Firearms Range which is located  
on Lake Michigan in their city.  
(reasons for request are set forth on  
first page #1-4)  
I recommend that the Training  
Division with the Chicago Division  
& prepare a response

  
William D. Gore

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June 22, 1990

Honorable (P)  
Member of Congress

(P)

Dear Congressman (P)

I am writing in further response to your May 14th inquiry directed to our Chicago Office on behalf of Mr. (P) District 2 Representative, Lake County Board, who wrote to you and other Members of Congress about our training facility in North Chicago, Illinois. Mr. (P) enclosed a copy of a Resolution recommending other governmental entities be authorized to use the outdoor shooting range constructed and operated by the County of Lake.

Over the past several years, there have been numerous inquiries from Lake County, Illinois, officials regarding closure and/or relocation of our training facility in North Chicago. These inquiries have resulted from attempts by various groups to develop the property for recreational purposes, to put a road in along the bluff area which runs through our firearms range, or to construct an incinerator facility on the property. An extensive study has been completed concerning this facility, to include reviews of the history of our training facility, improvements to the property, utilization of the facility, and relocation problems. We believe to close this facility, without another facility available immediately to take over all its functions, would severely hamper our efforts, and the efforts of the numerous state, local and other Government agencies which look to us for training in effectively fulfilling our respective law enforcement missions.

Chicago FBI Agents recently inspected the Lake County Firearms Range and determined that this facility does not meet our safety requirements or our training needs.

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Reconversation between Mrs. (P) OPA, and  
SSA (P) 6/15/90.

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Honorable (P) [REDACTED]

Mr. (P) [REDACTED] Congressman (P) [REDACTED] also received an inquiry from [REDACTED] and recently toured our training facility. We would be glad to make arrangements to have you or a representative of your staff tour this facility as well. You may contact Supervisory Special Agent (P) [REDACTED] of my staff here in Washington at telephone number (P) [REDACTED] who will be happy to make the necessary arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

John E. Collingwood  
Inspector-in-Charge  
Congressional Affairs Office



June 22, 1990

Honorable (P) [REDACTED]  
United States Senator

(P) [REDACTED]

Dear Senator [REDACTED]

I am writing in further response to your May 15th inquiry on behalf of Mr. (P) [REDACTED] District 2 Representative, Lake County Board, who wrote to you and other Members of Congress about our training facility in North Chicago, Illinois. Mr. (P) [REDACTED] enclosed a copy of a Resolution recommending other governmental entities be authorized to use the outdoor shooting range constructed and operated by the County of Lake.

Over the past several years, there have been numerous inquiries from Lake County, Illinois, officials regarding closure and/or relocation of our training facility in North Chicago. These inquiries have resulted from attempts by various groups to develop the property for recreational purposes, to put a road in along the bluff area which runs through our firearms range, or to construct an incinerator facility on the property. An extensive study has been completed concerning this facility, to include reviews of the history of our training facility, improvements to the property, utilization of the facility, and relocation problems. We believe to close this facility, without another facility available immediately to take over all its functions, would severely hamper our efforts, and the efforts of the numerous state, local and other Government agencies which look to us for training in effectively fulfilling our respective law enforcement missions.

Chicago FBI Agents recently inspected the Lake County Firearms Range and determined that this facility does not meet our safety requirements or our training needs.

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Reconversation between Mrs. (P) [REDACTED] OPA, and  
SSA (P) [REDACTED] 6/15/90. [REDACTED]

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Honorable (P) [REDACTED]

Mr. (P) [REDACTED] Congressman (P) [REDACTED] also received an inquiry from [REDACTED] and recently toured our training facility. We would be glad to make arrangements to have you or a representative of your staff tour this facility as well. You may contact Supervisory Special Agent (P) [REDACTED] of my staff here in Washington at telephone number [REDACTED] who will be happy to make the necessary arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

John E. Collingwood  
Inspector-in-Charge  
Congressional Affairs Office

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August 17, 1990

Mr. Delbert N. Dilbeck  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
219 S. Dearborn Street  
Room 905  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Dilbeck:

Mr. (P) District 2 Representative of the Lake County Board, has contacted my office concerning the inappropriateness of the location of the F.B.I. Firing Range in North Chicago. A copy of Mr. (P) correspondence is enclosed as well as copies of letters from three village offices who support maintaining the facility at it's present location.

Members of my staff recently visited the facility and were most impressed with the high caliber of training and tactics used. Therefore, I have contacted Mr. (P) and suggested to him that he consider meeting with you to discuss his concerns as to the location of the F.B.I. Firing Range.

Thank you for your interest in handling this matter. If there is any way I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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